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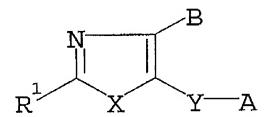
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for treating senile dementia of Alzheimer's disease in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an azole derivative of the formula:



wherein R¹ represents an imidazolyl group which may optionally be substituted; A represents (i) a phenoxy group substituted with an alkyl group which may optionally be substituted or (ii) a phenoxy group substituted with a C₁₋₄ alkoxy; B represents a phenyl group which may optionally be substituted; X represents oxygen atom; and Y represents a divalent hydrocarbon group-or heterocyclic-group, or a salt thereof.

- 2-8. (Canceled)
- 9. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein A is a phenoxy group substituted with an alkyl group which may optionally be substituted.
- 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein Y is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon group.
- 12-14. (Canceled)

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- 15. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the azole derivative is 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[3-(2-methoxyphenoxy)propyl]-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)oxazole, 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[3-(3-methoxyphenoxy)propyl]-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)oxazole, 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[3-(4-methoxyphenoxy)propyl]-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)oxazole, or 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)-5-[3-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)propyl]oxazole.
- 16-28. (Canceled)
- 29. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the azole derivative is of the formula:

wherein R¹ represents an imidazolyl group which may optionally be substituted; A^b represents an phenoxy group which is substituted by an alkyl group; B represents a phenyl group which may optionally be substituted; and Y represents a divalent hydrocarbon group-or heterocyclic-group, or a salt thereof.

30-33. (Canceled)

- 34. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein R^1 is an imidazolyl group which may optionally be substituted by a C_{1-10} alkyl.
- 35. (Canceled)
- 36. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein B is a phenyl group which may optionally be substituted by halogens.
- 37. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein Y is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon group.

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38. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 37, wherein Y is a divalent C₁₋₄ aliphatic hydrocarbon group.

39-42. (Canceled)

- 43. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein the azole derivative is 4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)-5-[3-(2-methylphenoxy)propyl]oxazole or a salt thereof.
- 44. (Canceled)
- 45. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein the azole derivative is 4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)-5-[3-(3-methylphenoxy)propyl]oxazole or a salt thereof.

46-58. (Canceled)